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1. Letter of David Ortega

Your Honour,

1/22/2022

Good day, Sir or Mam, I am writing to tell you what I know about Nick Wynberg after living with him for almost a year. Nick is my friend and person I have a lot of respect for. Nick has been so generous to me and I have seen him being just as generous with many other people. No matter how down I am feeling or how angry I am Nick always has a way of helping me see things from another perspective. He's always positive and optimistic and many of us go to him for counsel when we need to talk about whatever is bothering us. He's unfailingly patient and always does his best to listen for as long as it takes us to get things off our chest and then offers practical, positive advice no matter how ridiculous or irrational our problems are. Nick once told me when I was very angry, that when someone has hurt you, it's okay to be angry, that when someone does that we should acknowledge it, but that until I could let the anger go I would be emotionally stuck in the same place and never be able to move on and grow. It was the best piece of advice anyone has ever given me. Nick gave me a precious gift that day that has changed my life. I am in his debt and will always be proud to call him my friend and keep him always in my prayers. I believe in him and know he's a good person with good intentions and God has a great plan for his life. Thank you for your time and have a blessed day.

Respectfully yours,

David Ortega

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2. Letter of Jeff Hirschorn

DEAR HONORABLE
JUDGE ROMAN

I'M WRITTING THIS LETTER ON BEHALF OF MY FRIEND NICK WINBERG, WE MET ON BLOCK 4SE OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY JAIL, WHERE WE'VE BEEN HOUSED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF OUR INCARCERATIONS AROUND 18 MONTHS AGO. NICK IS A PERSONABLE, GENEROUS, KIND MAN WHO I TOOK TO ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WHEN WE MET. I WAS IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE THEN, I'M 62 YEARS OLD, HAD NEVER COMMITTED A CRIME AND HAD NEVER BEEN IN A JAIL. I FOUND MYSELF IN THE DEEPEST DESPAIR OF MY LIFE!

NICK FIRST SAW ME WHEN WE'RE BOTH ON LINE TO GET MEDS. HE MUST HAVE NOTICED THE PAIN I WAS IN AND IMMEDIATELY BUT GENTLY APPROACHED ME WITH HIS BIG SMILE AND WARM DISPOSITION AND TRIED TO ENGAGE ME. HE OFFERED SOME ARTICULATE WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND WE BEGAN TO TALK. HE WAS PROBABLY THE FIRST INMATE I FELT COMFORTABLE TALKING TO, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME I FELT A SLIGHT CRACK IN THE TERROR I HAD BEEN FEELING. IT'S AMAZING THAT FROM THAT FIRST SHORT EXCHANGE OF

WORDS NICK AND I HAVE BECOME GREAT FRIENDS, AND I KNOW WE WILL REMAIN FRIENDS, "WHEREVER OUR PATHS MAY LEAD IN THIS CRAZY WORLD". NICK IS AN INATELY POSITIVE PERSON THOUGH I KNOW HE HAS SOFERRED THROUGH MANY DEEP COMPLEX TRAUMAS AND HAS A HISTORY OF BEING ABUSED. OVER THE MONTHS I HAVE GOTTEN TO KNOW HIM WELL AND HE HAS GOTTEN TO KNOW ME AS WELL. HE NEVER STOPS LEARNING AND HE'S SO WELL READ, HIS BREATH OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SUBJECTS RANGING FROM HISTORY TO POLITICS TO SCIENCE KEEPS US IN AN ALMOST ENDLESS DIALOGUE. HE

NICK NEVER STOPS TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE UP HERE. HE CONTINUES TO TRY TO PROP ME UP WHEN I GET DOWN AND I'M THANKFUL THAT I'M NOW CAPABLE OF RETURNING THE FAVOR WHEN HE GETS SAD.

NICK IS ALWAYS COMING UP WITH POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEMS. I'VE SEEN

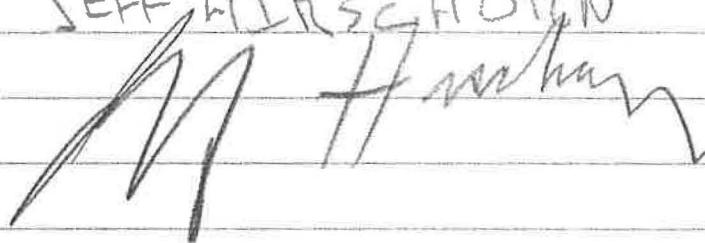
HIM DO THIS OVER AND OVER AGAIN
WITH SO MANY RESIDENTS, HE JUST
CAN BRING SOMEONE UP WHEN THEY ARE
DOWN, HE DOES THIS AT TIMES WHEN I
KNOW EVEN HE IS DOWN, "THAT'S JUST THE KIND
OF GUY HE IS." YES NICK LIKE ALL OF US
HAS HIS FLAWS BUT HE WORKS SO SO HARD TO
HEAL HIMSELF. I'VE WATCHED HIM EVOLVE
SO MUCH SINCE WE FIRST MET AND I KNOW
HE'S ON THE RIGHT ROAD NOW WITH HIS LIFE.
HE'S GOT THIS HUGE INCLINATION FOR
SELF SACRIFICE FOR GIVING WITHOUT ASKING
FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN AND THIS PENCHANT FOR
PROTECTING THE UNDERDOG IN ALMOST
ANY SITUATION. I'VE WATCHED HIM STAND
UP TO PEOPLE TWICE HIS SIZE IN HERE
IN ORDER TO PROTECT SOMEONE SMALLER NEVER WITH
VIOLENCE BUT WITH SHEER CHARACTER AND
REASON. HIS WORK ETHIC IS AMAZING!
ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING INCARCERATED
HE OBTAINED A COVETED TRUSTEE JOB. HE
WAS ONE OF THE ONLY INMATES ALLOWED OFF THE
BLOCK DURING THE 2021 COVID OUTBREAK
TO WORK IN THE KITCHEN.

WHICH WAS BADLY SHORT STAFFED DUE TO QUARANTINE. MOST OF THE COMMANDING OFFICERS KNEW HIM AND RESPECT HIM. IF THEY WERE ALLOWED MANY OF THEM WOULD HAVE WRITTEN HIM LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, SADLY THAT IS AGAINST JAIL POLICY.

THERE IS SO MUCH MORE I COULD WRITE ABOUT MY FRIEND NICK, WE'VE SHARED MANY EXPERIENCES OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS. I HOPE TIME AND PLACE ARE GOOD TO BOTH OF US AND WE WILL BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO CONTINUE OUR FRIENDSHIP "ONE OF THE BEST I'VE EVER HAD" IN THE REAL WORLD, FATE AND THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH THESE THINGS" WHICH I UNDERSTAND" BUT I HOPE LUCK AND PERHAPS SOME HIGHER POWER WILL PERMIT US TO COME TOGETHER, I'M GOING TO MISS HIM WHEN HE LEAVES BLOCK 4SC HOPEFULLY I'LL CATCH UP TO HIM IN HIS JOURNEY, I KNOW OUR FRIENDSHIP IS DESTINED TO CONTINUE! I HOPE WE CAN

BOTH LEAVE POSITIVE MARKS IN
A REALLY TOUGH WORLD

SINCERELY
JEFF HIRSCHORN

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Hirschorn". The signature is fluid and somewhat abstract, with "Jeff" on top and "Hirschorn" below it.

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3. Letter of Christopher McGorman

I'm writing this letter on behalf of my friend Nick Wynberg. We met on the 4SE Block New jail of Westchester County jail around 1.8 months ago.

Height of the Covid epidemic " needless to say not a nice time to be in jail .

When I met nick he was a pleasure to be around and talk to. I was going through a lot especially with my case . Nick would talk to me , calm me and always have me in a better mood. I have to say he does not belong in jail I would even call him a good friend of mine .

I always see him helping the other others by talking to them , also people who are hungry he feeds them with his own and treats everyone with respect .

He cleans and also the corcial cleaning he does . He has become a model inmate as of showing what type of person he is . He doesn't show fits of rage or any violent behavior . He walks around with a smile and converses with

everyone. Have not seen him mad or
sullen around but the complete opposite.
I feel awful he's in here but I'm glad
I had the pleasure in getting to know him.
I hope and pray nothing but the best
for him.

Christopher McCorman

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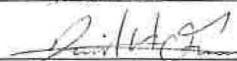
4. Letter of Daniel Flores

Dear Your Honour,

Nicolaus Wynberg is a good friend of mine and someone who I have lived with for almost 19 months. I have read some of the bad things that people have said about him in his case, and I want to share some of the good things that I know about him. Jail is a very difficult place. It can be violent, frustrating, depressing, hopeless and dangerous in many ways, emotionally, physically, spiritually, etc. Despite all of this Nick has remained constantly out of harms way. He is always pleasant and generous, kind and positive one of the nicest people I have ever met. I've never seen him angry or violent or aggressive and never heard him speak about being angry and wanting to harm any one. He has often spoken of the fact that he and he alone is responsible for being ~~in~~ incarcerated and blames only him self. He has often told others, myself included in what a waste of time it is to hold onto anger and to just accept it and let it go and get on with your life. The only person in this world that Nick hates is himself and for that I feel sorry for him. I know about some of the horrible things that were done to him and what his been through isn't fair to anyone. Nick doesn't blame the world for his problems, he blames him self. Nick is not a danger to society, he's only a danger to himself. He wants so badly to stop suffering and find peace. I pray that he's given that ~~opportunities~~ opportunity. Thank you for listening your Honour.

Sincerely

Daniel Flores



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5. Letter of Glen Whu

Dear Honorable Judge

I would like to start by saying I hope you and your family are doing well during this pandemic and difficult time we are all going through. This is my first time incarcerated Afraid and Alone I chose to be put in protective custody behind a cage not having access to the kitchen for hours Nick would heat up food for me and bring me ice for cold drinks. Nick was the first one to assure me that I had nothing to worry about and convinced me to lift my P.C. Status at this point I was able to go to groups and join the prison ministry in the months spent with Nick he has been supportive with me and others. I was very inspired by Nick's friendship especially in a place like this. It has allowed me to believe that there are people who still care and have not given up on me and care. I've seen this from Nick on numerous occasions put his best effort out to help others regardless of any circumstances. Whether he knew the person or not I wish him the best in his future and keep him in my prayers. May God be with us all thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours
Glenne

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6. Letter of Brian Garrio

DEAR JUDGE ROMAN,

MY NAME IS BRIAN GARRID, I AM CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY JAIL. IT HAS RECENTLY COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT NICOLAUS WYNBERG IS TO BE SENTENCED SOON. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO TELL YOU SOME THINGS ABOUT NICOLAUS WYNBERG, THAT I HOPE YOU WILL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION UPON SENTENCING. I FIRST MET NICOLAUS WYNBERG WHILE AT YOUR COURTHOUSE, SHORTLY AFTER MY GRANDFATHER HAD PASSED, AND I WAS GETTING BULLIED BY OTHER INMATES AT THE JAIL FOR CRYING. NICOLAUS WYNBERG TOLD ME HOW TO GET INTO THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AT THE JAIL, AND I HAVE BEEN HOUSED WITH NICOLAUS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM EVER SINCE. IN OUR TIME TOGETHER SO FAR, NICOLAUS HAS GIVEN ME MORE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT THAN ANY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH STAFF MEMBERS IN THE JAIL, AND HAS BEEN A LEADER OF OUR MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM GROUPS. NICOLAUS WYNBERG MOST CERTAINLY IS IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT THAT IS BEYOND THE JAIL PROGRAMS' ABILITIES, BUT FOR NOW HE HAS GOTTEN

OFF TO A GOOD START. WHICH IS ALL THAT HE CAN DO WHILE INCARCERATED. NICOLAUS WYNBERG AND I HAVE DISCUSSED FOUR WINDS PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN KATONAH, AMONGST MANY DIFFERENT PSYCHIATRISTS THAT HAVE GROUPS AND PROGRAMS IN THE REAL WORLD THAT BOTH HE AND I COULD ACQUIRE HELP FROM UPON OUR RELEASE, WHENEVER THAT MAY BE. I AM AWARE OF HOW SERIOUS THE CRIME THAT NICOLAUS COMMITTED IS, BUT I WOULD BE VERY SHOCKED IF HE EVER WERE TO DO ANYTHING THAT MAY CAUSE HARM. AFTER GETTING TO KNOW HIM, I CAN SAY THAT I WOULD TRUST HIM TO HELP ME TAKE CARE OF MY LOVED ONES. NICOLAUS WYNBERG HAS SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL OF ABUSE, WHICH HAS CAUSED HIS MENTAL ILLNESSES, THAT HE IS NOW READY TO ADDRESS WITH ALL OF HIS EFFORTS, ONCE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO DO SO. YOUR HONOR, WE BEG YOU, PLEASE ALLOW NICOLAUS WYNBERG THE CHANCE HE SO NEEDS TO ADDRESS HIS ISSUES, SOONER RATHER THAN LATER, SO HE CAN SHOW THE WORLD THE COMPASSIONATE AND CARING PERSON HE REALLY IS, BECAUSE I KNOW THAT NICOLAUS WYNBERG TRULY

HAS A GOOD HEART.

VERY TRULY YOURS,



BRIAN GARRIO

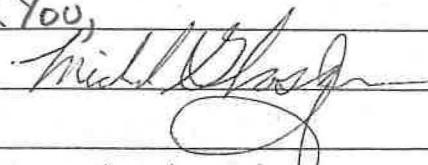
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7. Letter of Michael Glosque

Dear Honorable Judge

I am writing on behalf of, Nick Wynberg.
I have lived with Mr. Wynberg for a while now. He has helped
me, we have argued, we have gotten to know each other well.
Personally I have found him to be a nice person. He is very
passionate and sometimes that can be taken the wrong way.
But, when you get to know him, when you find out what he
is really like, I have found him to be very caring, thoughtful
respectful, honorable and compassionate and has empathy
like very few people I have met in my fifty two years.
Nick has at times when I was down, like when my Mother
passed away days before Thanksgiving, helped me get through
it. I don't know if I could have handled it without him.
My Mother was/is everything to me. Nick will always be
seen as my friend.

Thank You,



Michael Glosque

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8. Letter of Atiq Bah

Honorable Judge Roman,

I want to share with you my impression of Nicholas Wnyberg, after living with him for 8 months. In jail people get angry or frustrated loose their temper or get aggressive and even physically fights are common things. I have never seen personally Nick loose his temper or be aggressive even when people were being aggressive or disrespectful to him. I never saw nick to react with violence and quite the opposite I have seen him on couple occasions walk away from people who were threatening him.

I even saw him walk away after being punched in the face by another inmate who mistakenly hit him. That inmate later apologised and Nick very gladly accepted his apology.

In short, I have never seen Nick to be violent or aggressive, contrary to that always patient and peaceful and most often a kind and selfless person who is always eager to help others.

Respectfully
Atiq Butt

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9. Letter of Sylvester Williamson

Honourable Judge

I'm writing to you with respect to Nicholas Wyrber. Nick and I have lived together on 4 SE in Valhalla at the Westchester County Jail for more than a year now, and in that time we have been through a lot. Through all of the ups and downs, Nick has always been there for me and others. He has been different things to different people. He has been kind, he has been caring, he's been generous and helpful in so many ways and never stops trying to help anyone who needs it. Despite his own personal suffering, which is great, he never allows his pain from being positive and optimistic when interacting with the rest of us. Many of us go to him when we need to talk to and I even seen officers relying on his advice and his did when dealing with problems on the block, on many occasions. As a result to his help, Nick has been offered many small privileges that he refuses to take advantage of because he doesn't believe he should be treated any differently and certainly no better than the rest of us. I care about Nick and he's a good friend. That said, I don't understand him very well. He seems to hate himself and

doesn't think he DESERVES anything,
YET HE SEEKS to CARE about everybody
ELSE and constantly gives what HE has
to anyone in need. HE TAKES BETTER
CARE of us on the Block than ~~himself~~
HIMSELF. HE'S in a lot of PAIN and I
PRAY FOR HIM to find PEACE often. After
EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE for us I BELIEVE HE
DESERVES it

Respectfully

Sylvestee Williamson
Sylvester Williamson

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10. Letter of Phyo Hein Htut

Dear Honorable Judge Roman,

It's my pleasure and I am glad that I get a chance to write a letter to a respectful and justfy honorable judge Roman. I have never write a letter to a judge in my life. Now I am really proud of writing a letter to a federal jude. I am one of the inmate living together with Nicolas Wynberg. I consider him ^{NOT ONLY} was my friend but also a great guy. I know him as a well educated nice man and also so smart. He has many strong beliefes and is very honest. According to what he told me within this six month and living together with him I notice that he is suffering from great sadness though. He is always trying his best to be positive person. Nick is a guy who would rarely say no to anyone. for giving almost everything he have. When its come to his believe he have some Amazing Ideas. My friend have suffer trauma and depression since he was little kid. He really want and like make world better place. I understand and realize that he need love and mercy from god in his life. He can be best he can Be.

person outside^{world} when he got a good environment
and right people. He have sins we all have some
his not except. In my opinion what I believe
is he is not ever a bad person he is trying
to do that! I am son. I am writing this
letter about my friend Mick and what is
really going through his life. He has help me a lot
^{thank you} so much giving your time to read this letter
my honor. I wish god is always with you
and god bless you my honor.

Respectfully
PHYO HEIN HTUT
Rhyr

P.S. I am from Myanmar it's difficult
me to write in english thank you for
understanding if my writing isn't perfect

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11. Letter of Ron Hood



**George Latimer
County Executive**

Department of Community Mental Health

**Michael Orth, M.S.W.,
Commissioner**

12/09/21

Stephen R. Lewis, LLP

North Court Building

175 Main Street, Suite 800

White Plains, NY 10601

Re: Nicolaus Wynberg JID# 259052

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Please be advised that Nicolaus Wynberg was deemed in full compliance with the C.O.R.E. (Community Oriented Re Entry) program, provided by the Department of Community Mental Health, since his booking date of 07/17/20. As of 07/17/20, Mr. Wynberg has attended all group and individual sessions as scheduled. Our Re-Entry program is collaboratively composed of CHOICE of NY, Mental Health Association of Westchester, MH Empowerment Project, Human Development Services of Westchester and the Westchester County Department of Health that provided services onsite for Mr. Wynberg during his incarceration and will also support Mr. Wynberg with his future aftercare plan.

Please be advised that C.O.R.E. is a Re Entry and Case Management program, not an alternative to psychiatric treatment.

Sincerely,

Ron Hood, CASAC

C.O.R.E. Coordinator, Department of Community Mental Health

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